## **MAYOR ENCOURAGES MULCHING**

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PIERRE – Mayor Laurie Gill is encouraging residents to mulch their lawns instead of bagging and disposing the clippings.

Grass and yard waste containers at the City's landfill baling facility are currently unavailable due to sandbagging operations. Temporary waste containers were established at Hillsview Golf Course and Pierre City Hall, but Gill said these are not intended for yard waste.

"I understand the desire to maintain our yards," Gill said. "Mulching provides natural fertilization and actually traps moisture. More importantly, it alleviates some of the burden currently placed upon our landfill resources. The temporary containers at Hillsview and City Hall are strictly for household waste. But we are seeing more and more yard waste finding their way into these containers."

Gill said normal landfill operations will resume as soon as conditions allows.